

GENERAL STUDIES

PAPER-2_F

GOVERNANCE, CONSTITUTION, POLITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 250

Question Paper Specific Instructions

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions:

There are **TWENTY** questions printed only in **ENGLISH**.

All the questions are compulsory.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in a medium other than the authorized one.

Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Questions-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

Answer all the following questions. Contents of the answer are more important than its length.

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(150 words/10 marks)

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